

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL ACTION
	:	
v.	:	NO. 3:19-79-7
	:	
ARIEL PETERSEN	:	

ORDER

AND NOW, this 25th day of June 2024, following our study of Judge Henderson's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 1145), we adopt Defendant Ariel Petersen's knowing and voluntary guilty plea to Counts 5 and 8 of the Third Superseding Indictment (ECF No. 555) charging him with possessing with conspiracy to transport firearms and possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, without objection due last week, and relying on Judge Henderson's thoughtful assessment Defendant Petersen entered his guilty plea knowingly and voluntarily, it is **ORDERED** we:

1. **APPROVE AND ADOPT** Judge Henderson's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 1145);
2. Accept Defendant Petersen's plea and find him **GUILTY** of Counts 5 and 8 of the Third Superseding Indictment (ECF No. 555); and,
3. Schedule sentencing in a separate Order allowing for a pre-sentence investigation report and briefing.



KEARNEY, J.